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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2016-8830; Airspace Docket No. 16-AGL-18]

Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Wisconsin Towns; Land O' Lakes,

WI; Manitowish Waters, WI; Merrill, WI; Oconto, WI; Phillips, WI; Platteville, WI;

Solon Springs, WI; Superior, WI; and West Bend, WI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Kings Land O' Lakes Airport, Land O' Lakes, WI; Manitowish Waters Airport, Manitowish Waters, WI; Merrill Municipal Airport, Merrill, WI; Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport, Oconto, WI; Price County Airport, Phillips, WI; Platteville Municipal Airport, Platteville, WI; Solon Springs Municipal Airport, Solon Springs, WI; Richard I. Bong Airport, Superior, WI; and West Bend Municipal Airport, West Bend, WI. Decommissioning of non-directional radio beacons (NDBs), cancellation of NDB approaches, and implementation of area navigation (RNAV) procedures have made this action necessary for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at these airports. This action also updates the geographic coordinates for Kings Land O' Lakes Airport; Manitowish Waters Airport; Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport; and Solon Springs Municipal Airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. The name of Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport) is

also adjusted to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, April 27, 2017. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11A at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the

agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Kings Land O' Lakes Airport, Land O' Lakes, WI; Manitowish Waters Airport, Manitowish Waters, WI; Merrill Municipal Airport, Merrill, WI; Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport, Oconto, WI; Price County Airport, Phillips, WI; Platteville Municipal Airport, Platteville, WI; Solon Springs Municipal Airport, Solon Springs, WI; Richard I. Bong Airport, Superior, WI; and West Bend Municipal Airport, West Bend, WI.

History

On September 8, 2016, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), (81 FR 62044) Docket No. FAA-2016-8830, to modify Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Kings Land O' Lakes Airport, Land O' Lakes, WI; Manitowish Waters Airport, Manitowish Waters, WI; Merrill Municipal Airport, Merrill, WI; Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport, Oconto, WI; Price County Airport, Phillips, WI; Platteville Municipal Airport, Platteville, WI; Solon Springs Municipal Airport, Solon Springs, WI; Richard I. Bong Airport, Superior, WI; and West Bend Municipal Airport, West Bend, WI. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, which is incorporated

by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 modifies Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at the following airports:

Within a 6.4-mile radius (reduced from the 7-mile radius) of Kings Land O' Lakes Airport, Land O' Lakes, WI, and updating the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database;

Within a 6.3-mile radius (reduced from the 7-mile radius) of Manitowish Waters Airport, Manitowish, WI, and removing the 9-mile segment southeast of the airport, and updating the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's database;

Within a 6.6-mile radius (reduced from the 7-mile radius) of Merrill Municipal Airport, Merrill, WI;

By removing the 7-mile segment extending from the 6.3-mile radius southeast of Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport, Oconto, WI, and updating the name and geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database;

By removing the 7-mile segments extending from the 6.6-mile radius southwest and northeast of Price County Airport, Phillips, WI;

Within a 6.4-mile radius (reduced from the 7.4-mile radius) of Platteville Municipal Airport, Platteville, WI, with an extension southeast of the airport from the 6.4-mile radius to 10.2 miles;

Within a 6.3-mile radius (reduced from the 6.6-mile radius) of Solon Springs Municipal Airport, Solon Springs, WI, and removing the 7.4-mile segment north of the airport, and updating the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database;

Within an 8.5-mile radius (increased from a 6.7-mile radius) of Richard I. Bong Airport, Superior, WI, and removing the 12.2-mile segment southeast of the airport;

And within a 6.8-mile radius (reduced from the 7.4-mile radius) of the West Bend Municipal Airport, West Bend, WI, reducing existing segment extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 11.4 miles southwest, and adding segments extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 7 miles northeast and 10 miles northwest of the airport.

Airspace reconfiguration is necessary due to the decommissioning of NDBs, cancellation of NDB approaches, or implementation of RNAV standard instrument procedures at these airports. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of the standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at these airports.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative

comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5.a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11A,

Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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AGL WI E5 Land O' Lakes, WI [Amended]

Kings Land O' Lakes Airport, WI (lat. 46°09'15"N., long. 89°12'43"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Kings Land O'Lakes Airport.

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AGL WI E5 Manitowish Waters, WI [Amended]

Manitowish Waters Airport, WI (lat. 46°07'13"N., long. 89°52'56"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of Manitowish Waters Airport.

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AGL WI E5 Merrill, WI [Amended]

Merrill Municipal Airport, WI (lat. 45°11'56"N., long. 89°42'46"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Merrill Municipal Airport.

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AGL WI E5 Oconto, WI [Amended]

Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport, WI (lat. 44°52'27"N., long. 87°54'35"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of Oconto-J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport.

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AGL WI E5 Phillips, WI [Amended]

Price County Airport, WI (lat. 45°42'32"N., long. 90°24'09"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Price County Airport.

AGL WI E5 Platteville, WI [Amended]

Platteville Municipal Airport, WI (lat. 42°41'22"N., long. 90°26'40"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of Platteville Municipal Airport, and within 4 miles each side of the 145° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 10.2 miles southeast of the airport.

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AGL WI E5 Solon Springs, WI [Amended]

Solon Springs Municipal Airport, WI (lat. 46°18'53"N., long. 91°48'59"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of Solon Springs Municipal Airport.

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AGL WI E5 Superior, WI [Amended]

Richard I. Bong Airport, WI. (lat. 46°41'23" N., long. 92°05'41" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8.5-mile radius of Richard I. Bong Airport.

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AGL WI E5 West Bend, WI [Amended]

West Bend Municipal Airport, WI (lat. 43°25'20" N., long. 88°07'41" W.) West Bend VOR (lat. 43°25'19" N., long. 88°07'31" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of West Bend Municipal Airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 239° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 11.4 miles southwest of the airport, and within

1.2 miles each side of the West Bend VOR 052° radial extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 7 miles northeast of the airport, and within 1.3 miles each side of the West Bend VOR 303° radial extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 10 miles northwest of the airport, excluding that airspace within the Hartford, WI, Class E airspace area.

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